



Colmers Farm Primary School WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Celebrating another special week at our nurturing school



Mathletics



Having a good understanding of maths is so important as it opens up so many future career prospects for our children. Mathletics is an online program where children in Years 2-6 can improve their skills in a fun and safe online environment. Try to ensure that your child spends some time on this each week.

Friday 3rd December 2021

Dear Parents/Carers

I hope that you have had a lovely week. The weeks seem to be racing past and we are fast approaching Christmas. Our Christmas trees are now up around school and our reception children are busy practising for their Christmas nativity performance. Like all of our reception parents, I can't wait to see this.

Due to the threat of the new Omicron Coronavirus variant, we have taken the decision to cancel our inspire workshops that we had planned for this term. These will now be replaced by a video of the content which will be displayed on the school website for you to view. We will let you know when these are ready. We have unfortunately had to postpone our Christmas fair to the spring term. Although this will probably have caused disappointment to many of you, everyone's safety must be our primary consideration. We are very much hoping that we will be able to have parents in school for reception's nativity performance. This is however subject to any guidance we may receive.

Following new guidance from the DfE, please note that all visitors inside of our building must now wear a face covering (unless they are exempt). You do not have to wear these in the playground unless you wish to.



Thank you to everybody who entered our MP's Christmas card competition a few weeks ago. On Monday, we received some very exciting news regarding this. A huge congratulations to Tiegán in 3T, whose design (see right) won the competition. Part of Tiegán's prize is that her design will be made into a real Christmas card which will be sent to our Prime Minister amongst other people. Well done Tiegán! We are all very proud of you.



DIARY DATES

06/12/21
Bikeability Years 3 and 4

09/12/21
Governors' Award Assembly

10/12/21
Christmas Jumper Day

13/12/21
School Panto (all year groups)

14/12/21
Year 6 to RAF Cosford

Do you have a safeguarding concern about a child?

Contact:

safeguarding@colmersfarm.excelsiormat.org

Alternatively contact Birmingham City Council Children's Trust on 0121 303 1888

Emergency out-of-hours number: 0121 675 4806

What's new on our website this week?



Spring Term Dinner Menu - School Meals

www.colmersfarm.excelsiormat.org

On Thursday this week, we welcomed English specialists from Excelsior MAT to review our provision for reading and writing across the school. We are delighted to say that this went very well, and they were very happy with our provision and the progress that we have made as a school since joining the MAT. Well done to all the staff at the school, for your hard work in getting us to where we are now.

On Friday, we had a visit from Miss MacDougall's mom who was very grateful for all the support the whole school community has given her. Please see her message to all of you all near the end of this newsletter.

I hope that you have an enjoyable weekend with your families.

Mr Williams Headteacher

**Please follow us
on Twitter!**

Our feed is where we
celebrate the wonderful
learning opportunities we
provide for all of our pupils
everyday!

@Colmers_FarmPS



**ANTI-BULLYING
ALLIANCE**

As a school, we managed to
raise £210 for Children in
Need and the Anti-Bullying
Alliance. Well done
everybody!

Happy Birthday Messages

For next week, we would like to wish a very happy birthday to:

- Carol W 6B – 11 years old
- Sam M 3T – 8 years old
- Taliah C 6B – 11 years old
- Angel C 2H – 7 years old
- Maria-Mae J-B 1K – 6 years old
- Ava-Rae C 2B – 7 years old
- Logan W RF – 5 years old



e-safety – Keeping your children safe online. Does your child know these rules?

<p>S</p> <p>Stay Safe</p> <p>Don't give out your personal information to people / places you don't know.</p>	<p>M</p> <p>Don't Meet Up</p> <p>Meeting someone you have only been in touch with online can be dangerous. Always check with an adult you trust.</p>	<p>A</p> <p>Accepting Files</p> <p>Accepting emails, files, pictures or texts from people you don't know can cause problems.</p>	<p>R</p> <p>Reliable?</p> <p>Check information before you believe it. Is the person or website telling the truth?</p>	<p>T</p> <p>Tell Someone</p> <p>Tell an adult if someone or something makes you feel worried or uncomfortable.</p> <p>Follow these SMART tips to keep yourself safe online!</p>
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Pupil e-safety challenge

One of your friends shares with you an embarrassing photo of somebody in your class. They ask you to share it with all of your friends. What should you do?

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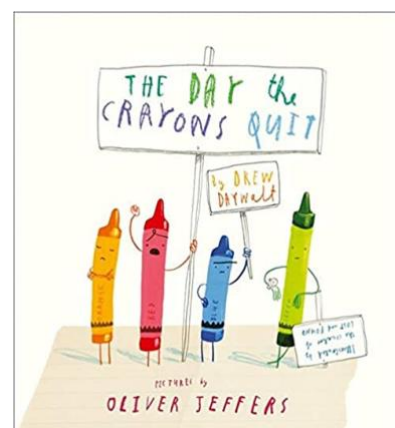
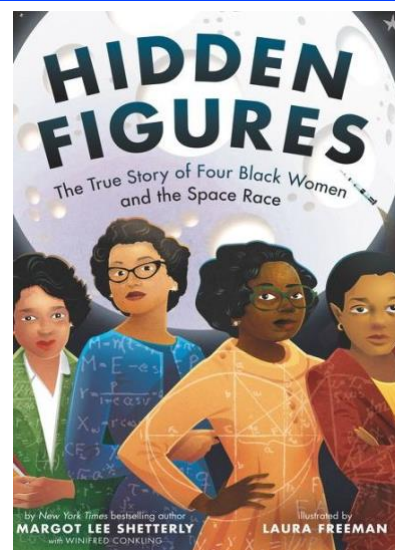
1. **Share the photo. It will make everybody laugh.**
2. **Delete the photo and ignore the message.**
3. **Do not share the photo and tell a trusted adult. Make sure that they tell somebody at school about this.**

This week's answer = 3 – Although the photo may be funny, the person on the photo will probably be really embarrassed if other children in their class see it. This could be really upsetting. You must not spread images like this.

READ, READ, READ!

Reading is a key skill which is so important to your child's development at all ages. Please try to listen to your child read at least once a day (for 10-15 mins ideally). It's also great for children to listen to you reading aloud as well.

As you know, our children in Years 1-6 have access to thousands of books online via myON. If you need help accessing this, please contact your child's class teacher or the school office.



Accelerated Reader

Champions League Table

	Class Name	Number of words read this week	Movement from last week
1 st	6D	297687	➡➡➡
2 nd	6B	257311	➡
3 rd	5A	137124	➡
4 th	4G	130807	➡
5 th	3T	128649	➡
6 th	5T	64673	➡
7 th	4J	58782	➡
8 th	3H	29197	➡

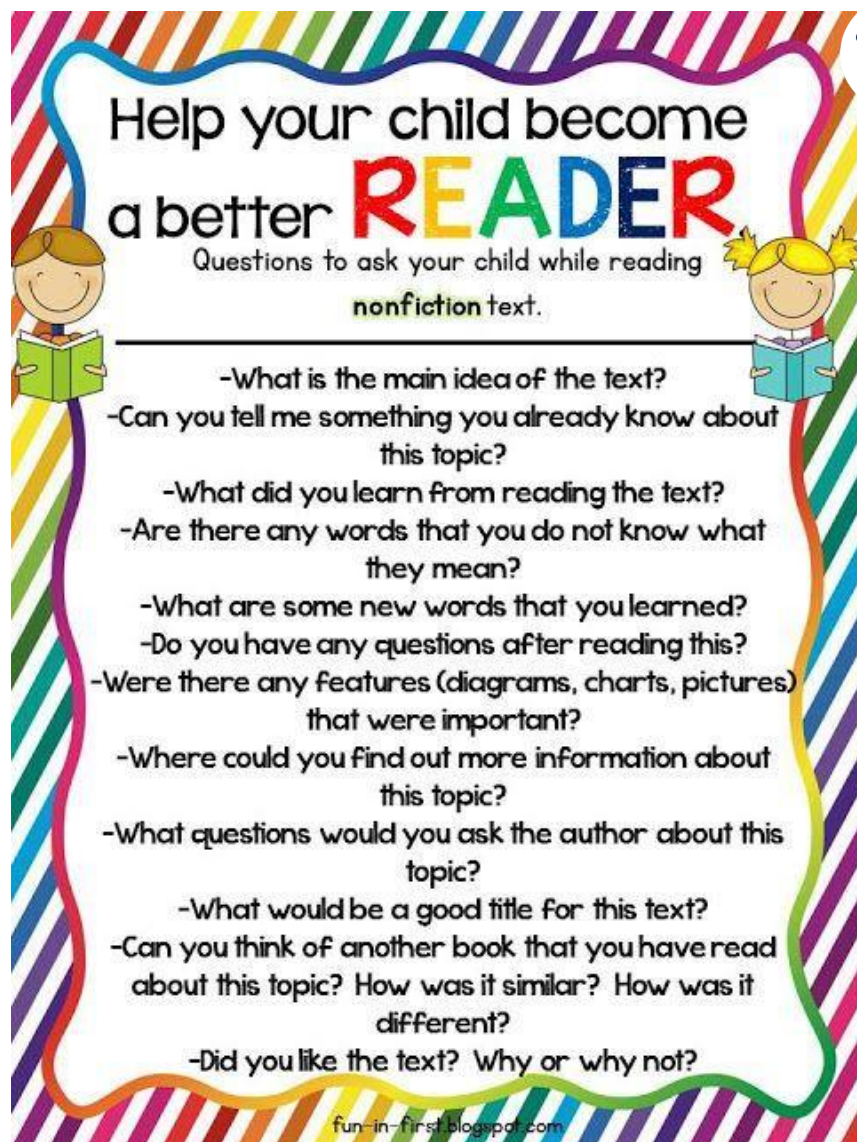
Well done to 6D!

Our school record holders are 6B – 977007 words in one week (01/10/21)

Well Done 6D

93% of your class completed an Accelerated Reader test this week. This was the highest percentage in our school.



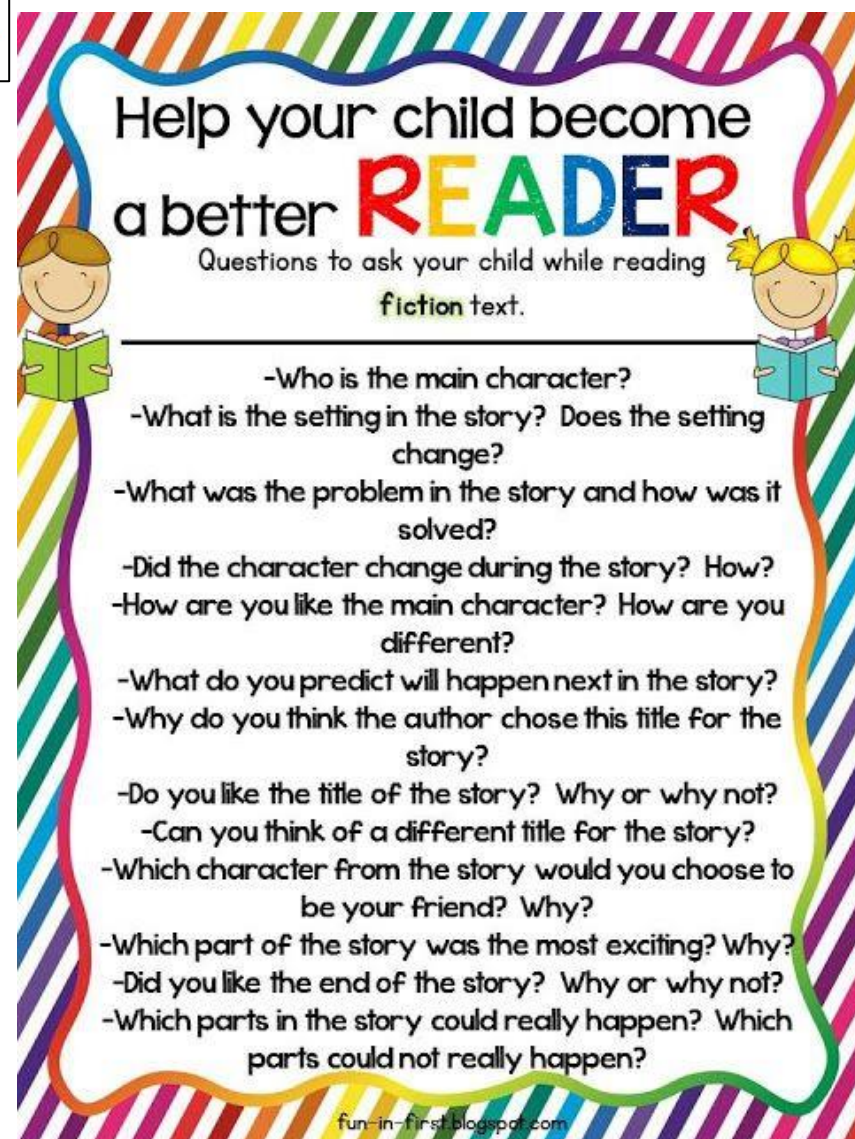


Help your child become a better **READER**

Questions to ask your child while reading
nonfiction text.

- What is the main idea of the text?
- Can you tell me something you already know about this topic?
- What did you learn from reading the text?
- Are there any words that you do not know what they mean?
- What are some new words that you learned?
- Do you have any questions after reading this?
- Were there any features (diagrams, charts, pictures) that were important?
- Where could you find out more information about this topic?
- What questions would you ask the author about this topic?
- What would be a good title for this text?
- Can you think of another book that you have read about this topic? How was it similar? How was it different?
- Did you like the text? Why or why not?

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Help your child become a better **READER**

Questions to ask your child while reading
fiction text.

- Who is the main character?
- What is the setting in the story? Does the setting change?
- What was the problem in the story and how was it solved?
- Did the character change during the story? How?
- How are you like the main character? How are you different?
- What do you predict will happen next in the story?
- Why do you think the author chose this title for the story?
- Do you like the title of the story? Why or why not?
- Can you think of a different title for the story?
- Which character from the story would you choose to be your friend? Why?
- Which part of the story was the most exciting? Why?
- Did you like the end of the story? Why or why not?
- Which parts in the story could really happen? Which parts could not really happen?

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Questions to ask your child when reading to them

Mathletics

To improve children's fluency and practise in maths skills, every child from Year 2 to Year 6 has a personalised internet account to 'Mathletics'.

Children are set weekly homework by their teacher which they complete at home using Mathletics. After completing homework, children are able access a wealth of other fun, engaging activities including 'Live Mathletics' where they can play people from around the world live.

To access Mathletics, visit the useful links section on the top of the Colmers Farm Website.

If your child has lost their username or password, please speak to your child's class teacher. They will be happy to help.

Using this program regularly will really help to develop your child's confidence and skills within maths.

Well Done to our top three Mathletes this week:

1st Louie E. (3T) 6430 points

2nd Jonah F. (5T) 5149 points

3rd Stefania R. (5T) 4480 points

	Class Name	Number of points last week
1 st	3T	15780
2 nd	6D	11051
3 rd	3H	10212
4 th	6B	10170
5 th	5T	9969
6 th	4G	8098
7 th	2H	4690
8 th	4J	2122
9 th	2B	2014
10 th	5A	1330

Our school record holders

Louie E. (3T) 6430 points in one week (28/11/21)

Class 6B – 32310 points in one week (14/11/21)

ATTENDANCE



1W



6B

This week's best attendance prize winners! Well done!

Colmers Farm League Table to date.
How is your class doing?

Pos	Class	Games played	Points
1	1K	10	27
2	2B	10	25
3	3T	10	21
=	6B	10	21
5	4J	10	18
6	3H	10	17
7	RF	10	15
=	1W	10	15
=	2H	10	15
=	4G	10	15
11	1F	10	14
12	RC	10	10
=	6D	10	10
14	5A	10	6
=	5T	10	6

This week's winners:

RF	vs	1F
6B	vs	2H
3T	vs	1K
5A	vs	4J
5T	vs	1W
3H	vs DRAW	6D
2B	vs	RC
4G	AUTOMATIC 3 POINTS	



166 children are on track to receive their bronze attendance badge this term with 97% +

This Week's Hot Chocolate Winners

Congratulations to all of our hot chocolate winners this week. They are:

- Autumn in Reception.
- Aisha in Year 1.
- Khaleesi in Year 2.
- Ryker in Year 3.
- Henry in Year 4.
- Luke in Year 5.
- Katieleigh in Year 6.



This week's congratulations assembly recipients

Well done to:

Nate S RC

Paityn F 1F

Tiegan K 3T

Laylah T 5T

Hazel F RF

Valentina K 2B

Mason K 4J

Aiden C 6B

Emmett D 1W

Phoebe S-F 2H

Oscar L 4G

Max S 6D

Gracie-May H 1K

Isabella W-P 3H

Ula S 5A



You have all demonstrated the key quality of resilience this week.

This week's house point results

526

Farah

538

Thompson

615

Daley



496

Ennis-Hill

School Uniform

At Colmers Farm Primary School, we place a high priority on all of our children wearing the correct school uniform. Please note that our children are not allowed to wear trainers in school, unless short term with prior agreement.

For details on our school uniform requirements, please see the uniform section on our school website.

Thank you for your support with this.

Help with School Uniform



Rubery Community Swop Shop is a fabulous organisation which helps families by providing pre-loved school uniform, PE kit and footwear to them **FOR FREE**. Please visit www.ruberyswopshop.co.uk or ruberyswopshop@outlook.com for more information.



8 WAYS TO BUILD RESILIENCE



1 I have resilient adults around me

What you model matters



2 I am good at some things and need to work on others

Find and celebrate strengths

3 I am hopeful and positive even when it's tough!

Teach optimistic thinking to power success



4 I can cope with change

Build capacity to be adaptable and flexible



5 I can practise to achieve my goal

Connection to meaning and purpose fuels the many steps to mastery



6 I have people who help me to shine



Resilience is supported by people who mentor, guide and model

7 I can learn from mistakes and solve problems

Problem solving and taking action leads to self-improvement



8 I am me – and that's enough

Self-acceptance builds the capacity to embrace strengths and accept challenges

Out of School Club Provision

for children from Rubery Nursery
School and Colmers Primary School*

*up to the age of 8 years old



Rubery
nursery school



Breakfast Club is open from **7.30am - 9.am**
and After School **3.00pm - 5.30pm**

Our Out of School Club offers children from 2 – 8 years old a safe and friendly environment with qualified and experienced members from our staff team. Children can choose from a range of activities relevant to their age and ability.

We offer snack to the children during the session. They can choose between cereal or toast for breakfast if they arrive before 8.30am and will receive a biscuit and a drink before 4.15pm. A light tea is offered for children staying after 4.15pm. For more information, please request a prospectus or phone us on the number below.

For more information and prices please contact our Reception on
0121 464 2158 or visit us at:

Leybrook Road, Rubery, Birmingham B45 9PB

www.ruberyn.bham.sch.uk



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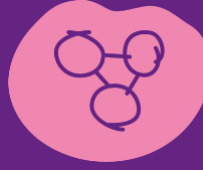
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& Disabilities



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Health



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Health



Play



Birmingham Children's Partnership



Edgbaston

EarlyHelpEdgbaston@gatewayfs.org
0121 456 7821

Erdington

ErdingtonFamilies@compass-support.org.uk
0121 748 8199

Hall Green

Hallgreen.families@greensquareaccord.co.uk
07570 953519 (9:30am to 4:30pm)

Hodge Hill

EarlyHelp-Hodgehill@family-action.org.uk
07976 199894

Ladywood

childrenandfamilies@bsettlement.org.uk
07764 977636

Northfield

NorthfieldFamilies@northfieldcommunity.org
07516 918 133

Perry Barr

PerrybarrEHnetwork@spurgeons.org
0121 752 1900

Selly Oak

EarlyHelp.Billesley@gmail.com
0121 441 4556

Sutton Coldfield

SuttonEHnetwork@spurgeons.org
0121 752 1860

Yardley

EarlyHelpYardley@barnardos.org.uk
0121 289 4875



'Have your Say' on SEND

You are invited to Parent and Carer Engagement Events focusing on co-production and how your voice can influence the SEND offering in Birmingham. There is a choice of online or in person, with more events planned for January.



Birmingham
City Council



www.localofferbirmingham.co.uk

Carrs Lane Conference Centre
15th December 2021
10am - 1pm

Online event
15th December 2021
6pm - 8pm



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SEND BRIEFING PARENT WEBINAR

December 2021



Parent/Carer Webinars take place regularly throughout the year and cover a number of different topics. Please see the local offer website for further details. Each webinar should last approximately one hour and take the format of a presentation followed by an opportunity to ask questions.

Birmingham Early Help Offer Awareness

Speaker:

Amina Mushtaq - From Barnardo's

Join the session to learn what Early Help Offer is and how it can help children and families in Birmingham. The session will provide insight into the kind of help available for parents and children and quick self-referral process.

Friday 17th December 10:00 - 11:00am

<https://www.localofferbirmingham.co.uk/product/birmingham-early-help-offer-awareness-17th-december-2021-10am/>

All people who book a ticket will be sent a copy of the presentation and a copy of the recording of the Webinar.

Please see below a message from Miss MacDougall's family.

THANK YOU THANK YOU

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Teachers, Children and
Parents

**Thank you so much each and every one
of you for all your kind words, support,
thoughtfulness and generosity.**

**This has been a difficult time for
everyone who knew and loved her.**

**We will all hold in our hearts precious
and very special memories of her.**

**When we look up into the sky at night
and see the brightest star that will be
Miss Macdougall watching over us**

With love from Louise's family

Stay safe and take care xxx



Does your child know what the CEOP button does and where to find it on our school website?



Children being safe online is hugely important. It is therefore really important that your child knows where the CEOP (Child Exploitation and Online Protection Team) button is on our school website, as this is one way of helping them to stay safe. Please take some time to show them this and to remind them what it is for. This button allows your child to report any serious e-safety concerns (such as somebody asking them to do things online that they do not want to do or which are inappropriate) to the CEOP team. This button also contains really helpful information for parents about a range of e-safety issues. (You may also find the e-safety section of our school website really useful also – Please take some time to look at this).

Thank you for your continued support.